



Homestead Complex Fire Update for Monday, September 2, 2024

Start Date: July 19, 2024 | Location: 15 miles Northeast of Glide | Total Number of Fires: 7 | Total Personnel: 525 | Total Fire Acreage: 5,918 | Cause: Lightning | Overall Complex Containment: 60%

Fire Operations Summary:

Firefighters are working to complete and secure all remaining primary and secondary (contingency) control lines. This work includes using crews and heavy equipment to chip and haul away forest fuels near control lines (creating a stronger fuel break). Fire managers are tracking weather forecasts that may produce favorable conditions for planned tactical burnout operations on the Horse Heaven and No Man fires. Patrol and mop-up operations continue, and suppression repair groups are working to minimize the fire impacts to resources, lands, and facilities resulting from firefighting operations. Firefighters are prepared to do initial attack on any new fire starts within the delegated fire operations area and to support local fire resources. Three of the seven fires on the complex have now reached 100% containment, these include the **Salmon 33 Fire** (275 ac.) on August 24, 2024, the **Reynolds Butte Fire** (334 ac.) on August 22, 2024, and the **Lost Bucket Fire** (34 ac.) on July 29, 2024.

On the **No Man Fire (2,076 ac., containment: 28%)**, the fire continues to hold within control lines. Chipping operations will continue to strengthen primary and secondary (contingency) containment lines in preparation for possible burnout operations. On the **Horse Heaven Creek Fire (2,304 ac., containment: 64%)**, crews will continue improving control lines doing chipping along roads northeast of the fire and setting the stage for possible burnout operations. Crews will continue to patrol and keep the fire checked-up along handline in the northwest corner down in the Horse Heaven Creek area. Efforts on the ground have been aided by helicopter bucket drops. On the **Bullpup (473 ac., containment: 17%)** and **Fuller Lake fires (426 ac., containment: 5%)** work is nearing completion to reinforce primary and secondary lines on the 300 and 200 roads located just west of these fires. Yesterday, helicopter bucket drops were used to reduce fire behavior along the east and west flanks of the Fuller Lake Fire. Suppression repair work will continue on the Reynolds Butte and Lost Bucket fires.

Weather: Continued cooler temperatures with a small chance of thunderstorms during the afternoon and evening. Highs will be in the upper 60s to low 70s. Any rain accompanying storm activity is expected to be limited. Winds will start out the day as terrain driven then changing to northwesterly in the afternoon.

Closures and Fire Restrictions:

The closure order issued by Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Roseburg District, for portions of BLM land which border the Umpqua National Forest Emergency Fire Closure north of Steamboat remains in effect:

<https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2024-07/orwa-fpo-rbg-072624.pdf>

On August 30, 2024, the Umpqua National Forest decreased Public Use Restrictions (PURs) to Level 2, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umpqua/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD1202470>. For more information on PURs, IFPLs, or other fire management information, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/umpqua/fire>

The Umpqua National Forest ranger stations will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024, in observance of Labor Day.

There is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) over the Homestead Complex Fire. Please remember, if you fly we can't! If a drone or other aircraft enters the air space, all firefighting aviation equipment will be grounded.

Fire Information Line: 541-208-7100 (Staffed 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

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